

PTO/SB/30 (04-05)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/657,431
	Filing Date	September 7, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Dominique P. BRIDGES
	Art Unit	1654
	Examiner Name	MAR B. D. CHISM
	Attorney Docket Number	500862001400

RECEIVED
MAY 5 2006
OFFICE OF PETITIONS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114		Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.			
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____ ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed			
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply		iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)		iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
2. Miscellaneous			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) required)			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. <u>03-1952</u> . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.			
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) - \$395.00			
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)			
iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(h) - \$130.00</u>			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed			
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)			

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Signature		Date	March 8, 2006
Name (Print/Type)	Michael R. Ward	Registration No.	38,651

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV731513928US, in an envelope addressed to: MS RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: March 9, 2006

Signature:
(Laura Tseng)

sf-2089592

03/16/2006 CKHLOK 00000001 031952 09657431

02 FC:2801

395.00 DA